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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM/HERZOG CONVERSATION, MARCH 15

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ISRAELI PERM REP HERZOG MET WITH SYG
WALDHEIM AT LATTER'S INVITATION ON MARCH 15. ISRAELI MISSION
DESCRIBED MEETING AS ROUTINE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ALTHOUGH
WALDHEIM'S ACCOUNT OF DECISION TO DELAY SC MEETING PROVED
INTERESTING. END SUMMARY.

2. ISRAELI MISSION COUNSELOR INFORMED US THAT WALDHEIM'S
CONVERSATION WITH HERZOG HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY WALDHEIM TEN
DAYS PREVIOUSLY IN ORDER TO CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH THE
PARTIES AS SYG SAID HE INTENDED TO DO IN HIS REPORT. WITH
REGARD TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
THE SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE,
WALDHEIM SAID HE UNDERSTOOD INTRA-ARAB DIFFICULTIES INFLUENCED
THE DELAY. AT ARAB AMBASSADORS' MEETING ON MARCH 14, THE
LIBYAN DEL ARGUED FOR A FULL-SCALE DEBATE NOT LIMITED
TO THE SYG'S REPORT OR TO TWO OR THREE SESSIONS; WHILE
SYRIA SOUGHT DELAY OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE OF PALESTINE
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NATIONAL COUNCIL CONVOCATION. WALDHEIM ADDED THAT
IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT A LARGE ELEMENT OF THE
SYRIA OBJECTION WAS PROMPTED BY SYRIA'S NOT WISHING
TO CEDE TOO EASILY TO AN EGYPTIAN-SPONSORED COURSE
OF ACTION.

3. SECRETARY-GENERAL ALSO TOLD HERZOG THAT HE HAD

ALSO DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS WITH AMB. FALL (SENEGAL), CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. WALDHEIM SAID FALL WAS RECEPTIVE TO HIS POINTING OUT THAT THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT PUSH FOR AN SC MEETING UNTIL AFTER MID-APRIL WHEN THE SC SCHEDULE WOULD BE MORE OPEN. FALL HAD REQUESTED THE MEETING WITH WALDHEIM TO DISCUSS GA RESOLUTION 31/20 WHICH URGES THE SECURITY COUNCIL "TO CONSIDER ONCE AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE."

4. RETURNING TO THE SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE, WALDHEIM VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN HOW THE COUNCIL WOULD INSCRIBE THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA SINCE LIBYA WOULD INSIST ON A DEBATE ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HERZOG REPLIED THAT FROM ISRAELI POINT OF VIEW, THE BEST OUTCOME WOULD BE TO LIMIT THE AGENDA TO THE SYG'S REPORT.
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